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Remarks

Although Applicants believe all claims are allowable in their present form, Applicants have made clarifying amendments to Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 16, 22, 48-49, and 60. None of these amendments is considered narrowing or necessary for patentability, and none is made in relation to any reference cited by the Examiner.

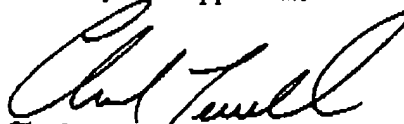
With respect to Claim 26, the Examiner alleges that the term "the update data," appearing at lines 1-2 of Claim 26, lacks antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1, from which Claim 26 depends (via Claim 24), recites the limitation "store . . . update data associated with the progress, actual expenditures, and labor resources of the projects and programs." This recitation of "update data" in Claim 1 provides sufficient antecedent basis for the recitation "the update data" in Claim 26. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to Claim 26.

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214.953.6813.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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